

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H13301, H13329.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 680 was held at the desk.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven yea-and-nay votes and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H13311, H13313–14, H13319–20, H13320–21, H13329, H13335–36, H13336, H13336–37, H13364, H13364–65, H13365–66, H13366, H13366–67, H13368–69, H13369–70, H13386–87, H13388. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MRAP VEHICLE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces and Air and Land Forces held a hearing on the Joint Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicle Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John Young, Acting Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Director, MRAP, Task Force; Bill Greenwalt, Deputy Under Secretary, Industrial Policy; and CAPT Cloyes R. Hoover, USN, Commanding Officer, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, Charleston; and public witnesses.

### SECURING RETIREMENT COVERAGE

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on Securing Retirement Coverage for Future Generations. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SAFE DRINKING WATER FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action H.R. 1747, Safe Drinking Water for Healthy Communities Act of 2007.

### HOUSING ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007; JUBILEE ACT FOR RESPONSIBLE LENDING AND EXPANDED DEBT CANCELLATION OF 2007

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4051, Housing Assistance Authorization Act of H.R. 2007.

The Committee also held a hearing on H.R. 2634, Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation of 2007. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LEBANON ON THE BRINK

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Lebanon on the Brink. Testimony was heard from C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

### TERRORIST WATCH LIST

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Held a hearing entitled “The Progress and Pitfalls of the Terrorist Watch List.” Testimony was heard from Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, Department of Justice; Eileen Larence, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; Leonard C. Boyle, Director, Terrorist Screening Center; and Kathleen Kraninger, Director, Screening Coordination Office, Department of Homeland Security.

### OVERSIGHT—EFFECTIVENESS OF ENHANCED INTERROGATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held an oversight hearing on Torture and the Cruel, Inhuman, and Degrading Treatment of Detainees: The Effectiveness and Consequences of “Enhanced” Interrogation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### PRISON REFORM ACT REVIEW

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on Review of the Prison Reform Act: A Decade of Reform or an Increase in Prison and Abuses?; and H.R. 1889, Private Prison Information Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representative Holden; Ryan Bounds, Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Chief of Staff, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### SAVE AMERICA COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION ACT OF 2007

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law held a hearing on H.R. 750, Save America Comprehensive Immigration Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kilpatrick, Lee, Reyes and Boyda of Kansas; and public witnesses.

### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Held a hearing on H.R. 3994, Department of the Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Jim Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; EPA NEW POWER PLANT APPROVAL**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3179, Local Preparedness Acquisition Act; H.R. 2414, Metropolitan Police Department and Fire Service Act of 2007; H.R. 4108, To amend, section 3328 of title 5, United States Code, relating to Selective Service registration; H.R. 3974, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 797 Sam Bass Road in Round Rock, Texas, as the "Marine Corps Corporal Steven P. Gill Post Office Building;" H.R. 4009, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 567 West Nepessing Street in Lapeer, Michigan, as the "Turrill Post Office Building;" H. Con. Res. 211, Supporting the goals and ideals of World Diabetes Day;" H. Con. Res. 215, amended, Supporting the designation of a week as "National Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator Awareness Week;" H. Res. 695, amended, Expressing the support for designation of a "National Fire Fighter Appreciation Day;" to honor and celebrate the fire fighters of the United States; H. Res. 785, Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Robstown, Texas; S. Con. Res. 45, Commending the Ed Block Courage Award Foundation for its work in aiding children and families affected by child abuse, and designating November 2007 as National Courage Month; and H. Res. 808, Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

The Committee also held a hearing on EPA Approval of New Power Plants: Failure to Address Global Warming Pollutants. Testimony was heard from Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, EPA; Ron Curry, Secretary, Department of Environment, State of New Mexico; and public witnesses.

**TEMPORARY TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 6 to 3, a structured rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House, H.R. 3996, Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended.

The rule makes in order a substitute amendment if offered by Rep. McCrery (R-LA) or his designee. The rule provides that the substitute amendment shall be considered as read and shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill, to postpone further consideration of it to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rangel and Representatives Neal of Massachusetts; McCrery, Brady of Texas and Ryan of Wisconsin.

**NASA'S NEAR-EARTH OBJECTS SURVEY PROGRAM**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Near-Earth Objects (NEOs)—Status of the Survey Program and Review of NASA's Report to Congress. Testimony was heard from Luis G. Fortuno, Resident Commissioner, Puerto Rico; the following officials of the NASA: James Green, Director, Planetary Science Division; and Scott Pace, Associate Administrator, Program Analysis and Evaluation; and public witnesses.

**MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Regulations, Health Care and Trade, hearing entitled "Medicare Reimbursement Cuts: The Potential Impact on Solo and Small Group Medical Practices." Testimony was heard from Representative Burgess; and public witnesses.

**21ST CENTURY WATER COMMISSION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representative Linder; Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

**VETERANS MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following: H.R. 3047, Veterans Claims Processing Innovation Act of 2007; H.R. 3249, Veterans Burial Benefits Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 3286, To amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce the period of time for which a veteran must be totally disabled before the veteran's survivors are eligible for the benefits provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for survivors of certain veterans rated totally disabled at time of death; H.R.

3415, To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the placement in a national cemetery of memorial markers for the purpose of commemorating servicemembers or other persons whose remains are interred in an American Battle Monuments Commission cemetery; H.R. 1137, To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase to \$2,000 the amount of the Medal of Honor special pension under that title and to provide for payment of that pension to the surviving spouse of a deceased Medal of Honor recipient; H.R. 3954, Providing Military Honors for our Nation's Heroes Act; H.R. 3286, To amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce the period of time for which a veteran must be totally disabled before the veteran's survivors are eligible for the benefits provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for survivors of certain veterans rated totally disabled at time of death; and H.R. 4084, Veterans Quality of Life Study Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representative Langevin; Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

## *Joint Meetings*

### CURRENT ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current economic outlook, focusing on developments in financial markets, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

### HEAD START ACT

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1429, to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access.

### BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine outstanding

issues relating to the 1992–1995 conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina, focusing on violent ethnic cleansing, and how they shape politics, society, and economic development in Bosnia and Herzegovina, after receiving testimony from Raffi Gregorian, Office of the High Representative, Douglas Davidson, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Adam Boys, International Commission on Missing Persons, all of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; and Diane Orentlicher, American University, Washington, D.C.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1476)

H.R. 1808, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the "Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center". Signed on November 8, 2007. (Public Law 110–112)

S. 2106, to provide nationwide subpoena authority for actions brought under the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund of 2001. Signed on November 8, 2007. (Public Law 110–113)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert D. Jamison, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs, and W. Ross Ashley III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security, 9 a.m., SD–342.

#### House

*Committee on House Administration,* Subcommittee on Elections, oversight hearing on Election Day Registration and Provisional Voting, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.